

BioDistrict New Orleans
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 2016
935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA

Commissioners Present: Gene D'Amour, Sharon Courtney, Kelisha Garrett, Rebecca Conwell
for Andy Kopplin

Commissioners Absent: Darrick LeBeouf, Harold Gaspard, Dr. Larry Hollier, Donna Klein, Roger
Ogden, Rev. Kaseem Short, Kacie Kelly, Charles Rice, Jr., Henry Hays, Christopher D'Amour

Commissioners via Phone: John Hope III, Jaime Guillory

Others: New Orleans Business Alliance staff present (Quentin L. Messer, Jr., and Amritha
Appaswami), Ayame Dinkler-LCMC Health

Quorum: None

- I. Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 9:10am CST.
- II. Roll Call**
Gene D'Amour performed a roll call of board commissioners. No quorum was present.
- III. Adopt Agenda for Board Meeting**
Board commissioners adopted agenda for the current board meeting. No comments
were made regarding the agenda.
- IV. Introduction of Guest(s)**
Ayame Dinkler, AVP Government Affairs & Strategy Development, LCMC Health
- V. Call for Public Input Cards on Agenda Items**
None
- VI. Adoption of BioDistrict Minutes**
The Minutes from the March 3, 2015 BioDistrict Board of Commissioners meeting were
not adopted as no quorum was present.

- VII. Legislative Updates**
Ayame Dinkler provided an update on University Medical Center budget and shared legislative updates as they related to State funding for University Medical Center
- VIII. Financial Report**
Jaime Guillory provided a financial update as of May 31, 2016 to the Board by phone
- IX. Chairman's Report**
Chairman Gene D'Amour provided no major updates at this meeting.
- X. Update on New Orleans Business Alliance (NOLABA) Initiatives**
Quentin L. Messer, Jr. introduced new hire- Amritha Appaswami, Director, Business Development & Strategy for the BIO Ecosystem. Amritha Appaswami shared her background and a 30-day impression since joining NOLABA
- XI. Other Old Business**
The McNamara Appeal court case update was moved to the Chairman's report
- XII. New Business**
No new business was presented.
- XIII. Public Comment(s)**
No public comment(s) were made.
- XIV. Adjournment**
The motion to adjourn was presented by Sharon Courtney, with the approval of the commissioners present at 9:45am CST.